(*b*) the year in which the pay ward attached to the General Hospital, Trivandrum, was constructed;

(*c*) the total number of in-patients in the above said four hospitals respectively in 1116; and

(*d*) whether they have or the departmental head has considered the desirability of providing more accommodation for in-patients who are prepared to pay for such special conveniences?

DR. K. P. RAMAN PILLAI:

	Number.
(*a*) General Hospital	7
Women & Children's Hospital	9
District Hospital, Kottayam	...
District Hospital, Tiruvalla	2

(*b*) Four rooms were opened in 1093 M. E. and 3 rooms in 1098 M. E.

	No. of in-patients.
(*c*) General Hospital	18,828
Women & Children's Hospital	12,327
District Hospital, Kottayam	4,736
District Hospital, Tiruvalla	1,501

(*d*) No.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: In view of the large increase of in-patients and in view of the provision of specialists for medical aid in the General Hospital, may I know from the honourable member why they have not considered the question of increasing the number of pay wards hitherto?

DR. K. P. RAMAN PILLAI: That is due to want of funds. The question will be dealt with as soon as the financial position improves.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know from the honourable member the total income which the department is getting from the 7 rooms that are in existence at present?

DR. K. P. RAMAN PILLAI: I claim notice.

Public Service.

215. * **MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR:** Will the Government be pleased to state;

(*a*) whether, for recruitment to public service, there is any rule that if the turn of any particular community is passed over for want of suitable candidates, such community should get the benefit of the vacancy so forfeited, when candidates from that community come forward subsequently;

(*b*) whether the turns of any, and if so, which communities were passed over since 21-9-1940;

(*c*) the communities that took the turns to fill up such vacancies; and

(*d*) whether the communities that were so passed over subsequently got the benefit of the vacancy forfeited?

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MR. S. N. URE: (*a*) Yes, if candidates become available from such communities within a period of three years.

(*b*) Yes, for some appointments the turns of some communities.

(*c*) The community next in the order of rotation in that particular religious group in which candidates were available.

(*d*) Yes, in cases in which candidates become available.

Transport Service between Trivandrum and Kottarakara.

216. *MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether it has been brought to the notice of the Director of Transport that passengers are experiencing great hardships on account of the paucity in the number of Transport Buses plying from Trivandrum to Kottarakara?

MR. E. G. SALTER: Yes. Every endeavour is being made to cope with the situation with the limited number of buses available.

District Hospital, Shertala.

217 * MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have any proposal to provide additional accommodation in the Shertala District Hospital, and for putting up a compound wall for the hospital; and

(*b*) whether there was any proposal by the Medical Department for the same?

DR. K. P. RAMAN PILLAI: (*a*) & (*b*) Yes. In 1931, the Administrative Board, Medical Services, submitted an estimate for Rs. 40,000 for providing additional accommodation to the District Hospital, Shertala, and for putting up a compound wall. On account of the heavy cost involved, the entire work was not taken up, but Government sanctioned certain improvements being made to the operation room attached to the Hospital.

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP: ചേർത്തലയിലെ സർക്കാർവകയായ പള്ളിക്കൂടം ആശുപത്രിയോട് ഏറ്റവും അടുത്താണ് സ്ഥിതിചെയ്യുന്നതെന്നമെന്മാർക്കറിയാമോ?

DR. K. P. RAMAN PILLAI: അറിയാം.

MR. N. NARAYANAKURUP: പള്ളിക്കൂടവുംആശുപത്രി പുരയിടവും തമ്മിൽ അതുത്തി തിരിച്ചിട്ടില്ലെന്നറിയാമോ?

DR. K. P. RAMAN PILLAI: ആശുപത്രിയുടെ അതുത്തി തിരിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്.

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP: സാധാരണ ജനങ്ങൾ ആശുപത്രിപുരയിടം വഴിയായിട്ട് ഉപയോഗിക്കുന്നുണ്ടെന്നറിയാമോ?

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